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In Re: Patent Application

Serial Number 10/005,696

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Inventor: Joseph J. Solon

Title: Methods and apparatus for processing reclaimed tire tread strips

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF 12/26/01

Commissioner of Patents  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir,

This timely responds to the Office action of Dec., 26, 2001.

Enclosed is the \$80.00 fee due by applicant.

Enclosed are three sheets of formal drawings.

Thus the application is put in proper condition for examination in due course.

Respectfully Submitted,

Laurence R. Brown, Counsel of Record.  
January 22, 2002

Enc. \$80.00 fee

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Three formal drawing sheets



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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is insufficient.  
*Applicant must submit \$ 15 to complete the basic filing fee for a small entity.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$65 for a small entity in compliance with 37 CFR 1.27, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 80.**

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
  - drawing sheets do not have the appropriate margin(s) (see 37 CFR 1.84(g)). Each sheet must include a top margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a left side margin of at least 2.5 cm. (1 inch), a right side margin of at least 1.5 cm. (5/8 inch), and a bottom margin of at least 1.0 cm. (3/8 inch);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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